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**THE WAR.**

**TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.**

(Reuter's Service to the "China Mail.")

**THE COMING CLASH.**

THE "WILD HOPES" OF THE  
ENEMY LEADERS.

London, Feb. 19.  
Mr. Percival Phillips, the War  
Correspondent, is of the opinion that  
the principal thrust against the  
British will be between Arras and  
St. Quentin and that the Germans  
will make other attacks further south,  
which our Allies will deal with  
effectively.

The preparations of the German  
High Command are complete after  
weeks of laborious training, in open  
warfare, behind the lines. Massed  
Divisions released from the Eastern  
Front by the collapse of Russia are  
ready to make a last and supreme  
effort to fulfil the wild hopes of  
Field-Marshal von Hindenburg and  
General Ludendorff of trying to break  
through the Allied Armies and ending  
the war by a decisive victory in  
the field. The enemy troops, which  
have been trained and fattened for  
wholesale slaughter, have been pro-  
mised complete success and an early  
and victorious peace.

Reuter's Correspondent at Head-  
quarters says evidence shows that  
the coming offensive will be conducted  
upon principles of surprise. The  
winter training of the enemy Divi-  
sions has been based upon the idea  
of repeating the tactics which suc-  
ceeded in Galicia, Riga and on the  
Isonzo. The enemy's training exer-  
cises have been based upon the prin-  
ciple of the infantry breaking through  
without artillery preparation. This  
confirms the idea that the Germans  
will employ Tanks and it is probable  
that exciting Tank duels will be wit-  
nessed, in which numbers and ex-  
perience will be on our side. The  
enemy, moreover, is expecting great  
results from a new poison gas and  
we know that he intends using gas  
shells very freely.

**AIR RAIDS DEFEATED.**

London, Feb. 18.

It is officially announced that six  
or seven aeroplanes carried out the  
raid on Sunday.

Only one machine penetrated  
London. It passed Thames at 9.45  
p.m. and followed the Thames, cross-  
ing London from the south-east to the  
north-west.

Bombs were dropped in various  
districts between 10.40 and 10.58  
p.m.

The remaining raiders attempted  
to reach London from the north-east,  
across Essex or from the east, along  
the Thames, but all were turned  
back.

The casualties and damage have  
not yet been reported.

London, Feb. 19.

The Press Bureau announces that  
hostile aircraft crossed the Essex  
coast at nine o'clock on Monday  
night and proceeded towards London.  
They did not penetrate the defences  
and no damage or casualties are  
reported.

The casualties in Saturday's raid  
were three men, five women and  
three children killed, and one man  
and three children injured.

LATER.

It is officially announced that  
thirteen men and three women were  
killed and 27 men and ten women  
were injured in Sunday's air raid.

LATER.

The Press Bureau announces that  
there were no casualties or damage  
in Monday's air raid.

**ARMY ESTIMATES FOR 1,000,000.**

London, Feb. 18.

The Army Estimates provide for  
1,000,000 men.

**GERMANY RESUMES WAR  
AGAINST RUSSIA.**

Stockholm, Feb. 18.

The Social Democratic says it  
learns from a reliable source that  
Germany to-day resumed war against  
Russia with the object of seizing  
Esthonia and Livonia.

**AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.**

London, Feb. 19.

A German official wireless message  
states:—

"Hostilities on the Russian front  
began at noon to-day.

"We crossed the Dvina towards  
Dvinsk without a fight.

"We also commenced an advance  
towards Kovel, in response to an  
appeal by Ukraine."

**AUSTRIANS OCCUPY LUZK.**

London, Feb. 19.

An Austrian official message, trans-  
mitted by wireless, says:—

"We have occupied Luzk without  
opposition."

**GENERAL SIR W.  
ROBERTSON.**

**ACCEPTS EASTERN HOME  
COMMAND.**

London, Feb. 18.

In the House of Commons, Mr.  
Bonar Law announced that General  
Sir William Robertson had accepted  
the Eastern Home Command.

In reply to Mr. Asquith, Mr. Bonar  
Law said that Mr. Lloyd George was  
suffering from a severe chill, but he  
hoped to be able to make a state-  
ment in the House, to-morrow.

Mr. Billing, Independent Member  
for Hertford, asked:—Did General  
Robertson resign or was he dis-  
missed?

Mr. Bonar Law:—I will not anti-  
cipate the discussion.

**THE INDUSTRIAL SITUATION IN  
ENGLAND.**

**NEVER SOUNDER.**

London, Feb. 18.

In the House of Commons, Mr.  
Kellaway, Parliamentary Secretary  
to the Ministry of Munitions, in a  
speech on the industrial situation,  
said England was never more sound.  
There had been fewer strikes than  
at any previous period of the war and  
Labour was working devotedly.

Mr. Kellaway gave details of the  
following beneficial effects on produc-  
tion during the last half year, of the  
124 per cent. bonus on production:

Guns had increased by 48 per cent.  
over the previous half year; machine-  
guns, 20 per cent.; aeroplanes, 42  
per cent.; aeroplane engines, 68 per  
cent. and shipbuilding material, 25  
per cent.

Mr. Winston Churchill, Minister of  
Munitions, added that less than a  
quarter of one per cent. of time had  
been lost during the half year owing  
to the loyalty of the workers.

**ENGINEERS' SOCIETY AND THE  
MAN POWER PROPOSALS.**

London, Feb. 19.

The Amalgamated Society of En-  
gineers has rejected the Govern-  
ment's Man Power proposals by  
121,017 votes to 27,470.

**AN APPOINTMENT FOR LORD  
NORTHCLIFFE.**

London, Feb. 18.

Lord Northcliffe has been appoint-  
ed Director of Propaganda in Enemy  
Countries.

(Continued on Page 2.)



## INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 23rd day of February, 1919, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending the 31st December, 1917.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 11th February to SATURDAY, the 23rd February, 1919, (both days inclusive) during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,  
N. J. STABB,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, Feb. 21, 1919. 106

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN &  
MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

THE TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, 5, George Street, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 28th February, 1919, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1917, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 20th February, 1919, until THURSDAY, the 28th February, 1919, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, Feb. 14, 1919. 136

## HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LTD.

## NOTICE.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Hotel on FRIDAY, the 1st March, 1919, at 12.15 p.m. for the purpose of receiving Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1917, with the Report of the Directors and to discuss any matter that may be competently brought before the Meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 32nd February to 1st March, 1919, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
J. H. TAGGART,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, Feb. 18, 1919. 140

## NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. P. G. LEUNG alias LEUNG LIM CHO alias LEUNG NGOK is no longer in our employment since the 11th instant. Henceforth, all moneys in payment of debts due to us by any of our respectable customers should be handed to the undersigned and NOT to the said P. G. LEUNG alias LEUNG LIM CHO alias LEUNG NGOK who has no authority to receive same. The receipts for payments should bear our proper Cash Receipts, otherwise they shall not be treated as valid. This is specially notified so as to prevent any dispute in future.

Dated the 11th day of February, 1919.  
WING SUN & CO.,  
54 Queen's Road Central.  
Hongkong, Feb. 14, 1919. 133

THE KOWLOON LAND AND  
BUILDING COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Victoria Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 8th day of March, 1919, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of considering and passing the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 30th day of February, 1919, will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution.

"That the Articles of Association be altered in manner following—"

- (a) That the word "two" be substituted for the word "three" in the definition of "The Board" in Article 2.
- (b) That the word "two" be substituted for the word "three" in Article 73.
- (c) That the word "one" be substituted for the word "two" in line one and two of Article 74 and that the word "other" shall be substituted for the word "others" and the word "his" for the word "their" in line two of Article 78 and the word "member" be substituted for the word "members" in line three of Article 78.
- (d) That the word "Director" be substituted for the word "Directors" in Article 77.
- (e) That the word "Director" be substituted for the word "Directors" in line four of Article 79.
- (f) That the word "signature" be substituted for the word "signatures" in line 1, 3 and 4 of Article 89 and that the word "one" be substituted for the word "two" and the word "Director" for the word "Directors" in line one of Article 89.
- (g) That the word "hand of one of the Directors" be substituted for the words "hands of two of the Directors" in line 3 of Article 101.

Dated the 20th day of February, 1919.  
By Order of the Board,  
A. SHILTON ROOPER,  
Secretary.  
The Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited.  
General Agents for the Company.

## INTIMATIONS

## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

## RACE MEETING, 1919.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday (off-day),  
February 25th, 26th, 27th, and 28th March.

TICKETS of ADMISSION to the GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE may be obtained from Messrs. Kelly and W. L. LAM, or at the Gate. Price \$10 for the Meeting (including the Off Day), or \$4 per day. Tickets for the Off Day, \$3.

No one admitted without a Ticket, to be shown to the Ticket Inspector at the Gate.  
T. F. HOUGH,  
Clerk of the Course.  
Hongkong, Feb. 21, 1919. 143

## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE STEWARDS request the pleasure of the presence of the LADIES at the GRAND STAND and the ENCLOSURE during the Races.  
A Stand and Enclosure will be reserved for Members and Members' Wives and Families. Tickets for which are being sent out by Messrs. Livers and Davis, the Secretaries and Treasurers, with the Members' Tickets.  
All Tickets must be produced to gain admission.  
Special accommodation will be reserved as in recent years for Chinese Ladies and their Female attendants in the Stand erected on the plot of ground next to the Lassiano Club Stand.

T. F. HOUGH,  
Clerk of the Course.  
Hongkong, Feb. 21, 1919. 144

## NOTICE.

PROPOS of the above Members are hereby notified that although Membership of the Jockey Club entitles them to free admission to the Enclosure and Stands during the Race Meeting an opportunity is given to them to make a special contribution to the War Charities by also purchasing an admission Ticket at the Gate. A Book will be in care of the Gate Keeper in which Members are asked to record any such purchases.

T. F. HOUGH,  
Clerk of the Course.  
Hongkong, Feb. 21, 1919. 155

## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

PASSES for Servants will be issued on application to the Undersigned on SATURDAY, the 23rd February.  
No Servants will be allowed inside the ENCLOSURE of the Race Course during the Race Days WITHOUT TICKETS, which can be had on application to the Undersigned. These Tickets are only available for Servants while in attendance on their employers or when on duty at the various Stands.

Any Chinese found loitering about with Servants passed in their possession will forfeit them and the holders thereof will be removed from the Enclosure.  
T. F. HOUGH,  
Clerk of the Course.  
Hongkong, Feb. 21, 1919. 156

## RACE HOLIDAYS.

THE EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transactions of EXCHANGE BUSINESS on MONDAY, TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 25th, 26th and 27th instant, at 11.45 a.m.  
Hongkong, Feb. 21, 1919. 157

## HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

THE HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE will be CLOSED on MONDAY, TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 25th, 26th and 27th instant—Race Days.

By Order,  
R. HANCOCK,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong Stock Exchange.  
Hongkong, Feb. 20, 1919. 148

## ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE.

SCHOOL WILL RESUME work on MONDAY, February 25th, at 8 a.m.  
Students who wish to enter should call upon the Warden on SATURDAY MORNING, February 23rd, at 9.30 a.m.  
Hongkong, Feb. 19, 1919. 144

## HONGKONG HOTEL.

## RACE WEEK.

DINNER DANCES will be held on the following nights, open to Residents and Diners in the Hotel—

MONDAY, 25th February,  
TUESDAY, 26th February,  
WEDNESDAY, 27th February,  
and  
SATURDAY, 2nd March.  
Table d'Hôte Menus will be served as follows—

GRILL ROOM \$2.50 per head.  
DINING ROOM \$2.50 per head.  
(The Ordinary Grill Room "A la Carte" Menu will be withdrawn on each of the above evenings.)

The usual bi-weekly Tea Dances WILL NOT BE HELD on the following days—

FRIDAY, 22nd February,  
and  
TUESDAY, 26th February,  
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J. H. TAGGART,  
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## THE COMING DEMOCRACY.

[The original German version of this book was published at the end of last February in Switzerland, under the title: "Durch! ... zur Demokratie." There-fore it appeared before the Russian Revolution exhibited to the world the horrors of mob rule (which is called "pure" Democracy by some of the modern disciples of Rousseau) and before the entry of the United States into war proved that the sinner kind of democratic State is quite willing to take up arms when its position in world politics is threatened. Whether these historical events would have influenced Herr Ferman's conclusions is a matter which is immaterial. We do not think they would, for he is one of those philosophic Pacificists who ignore the teaching of history and think that it is only necessary to find the right formula to get a Millennium Act passed and carried into effect even in Germany.]

In this and a previous indictment of Prussianism the enemies of Germany will find many useful facts and a few convenient arguments. For example, he shows beyond a shadow of doubt (1) that the war was, and still is, a war of conquest on the part of Germany and (2) that every section of the German people accepted the struggle with wild enthusiasm, in the firm belief that victory would be rewarded by a great increase of territory and huge indemnities from the Entente Powers. The evidence he produces from within in favour of these contentions is none the less useful because we must take it from the hands of a traitor to his country, whom we must despise and detest much as Mr. Ramsay MacDonald is despised and detested, in spite of his anti-British acts and speeches, by the patriotic German. After all, the person who takes the side of her enemies when her country is engaged in a life and death struggle is a dirty creature, who lays up for himself a store of eternal infamy. Even the muse of scientific history, who wears spectacles and rakes over the dust heaps of infinitesimal circumstances, shudders when she uncovers the carcass of an Alcibiades or a Caligula. In war time the bluff old saying: "My country, right or wrong," is the only possible rule of conduct for a decent citizen. So far as long ago dealt drastically with those who ignored the ethical basis of this salutary rule in his ironical interview with a certain Dutchman who was bringing an action against his own father. A son and his father are united by a tie which is one of the sanctities of human nature and the breaking of that sacred tie is as heinous as any offence of which the Courts when she had ceased the full penalty of take vengeance for it tends to destroy her future, she would treat the new the very picture of human misery and democratic constitution, which Herr Ferman sets on a lower level than the Ferman logic to see, as yet another example of the moral degradation of the German people.

the morality of his own mother in the hour of her anguish—and so with the man who tries to injure his mother country or his fatherland, when millions of his brothers are giving their lives for her, even if the cause in which they make the ultimate sacrifice is not as good as it might be.

We would not touch Herr Ferman or any of his kindred with a barge pole. But his books, in so far as they deal with facts imperfectly suppressed by the German authorities, contain useful material, and there is no reason why we should not make use of it. But his theory of Democracy, as in itself, a guarantee against war, cannot be accepted by any body who has the slightest knowledge of history. Past experience shows that democratic communities are as eager to fight their neighbours, though less capable of long-sighted preparation or of continuous and organized activity in actual warfare, as States which are subject to any other form of government. Democracy, like Mesopotamia, is a blessed word, an auspicious shibboleth, for the vast mass of unthinking people who forget that, after all, it merely conceals a form of government—and a form of government which has never, either in ancient or modern times, procured the greatest good of the greatest possible number, because the representatives of the people invariably in practice prefer their own personal interests to those of the people they are supposed to represent. And history teaches us that a democratic system invariably becomes an anarchy or an oligarchy under the stress of a great crisis by the tacit consent, it would seem of the people, who see that their vital interests are menaced. And the affairs of the France and of this country are the present in the hands of those curious discharges known as Cabinets. Meanwhile, a great number of people in this country are devoting all the time they can spare from the neglect of their duties to reiterating the blessed word Democracy in the firm belief that it is a precious balm, which will in course of time break Germany's head, which is, of course, the Hohenzollern Dynasty. They sincerely believe, for reasons which no plain man can understand, that their beloved polysyllable will soon reduce Germany to impotence; just as the abusive old Dublin applewoman belated into tears when the humorist quietly observed: "You're a parallelloped!"

Herr Ferman's new book, unlike the first which appeared when the Germans thought victory assured for them; will probably be acceptable to the German authorities as being helpful in its way to their great peace offensive. Germany would not hesitate about becoming a Democracy (on paper) if by so doing she could avoid drinking that dark and manifold cup of disaster and defeat the offered to the lips of neighboring nations. And, as far as any offence of which the Courts when she had ceased the full penalty of take vengeance for it tends to destroy her future, she would treat the new the very picture of human misery and democratic constitution, which Herr Ferman sets on a lower level than the Ferman logic to see, as yet another example of the moral degradation of the German people.

the other European nations, to drop their weapons for evermore, and send the Hohenzollerns packing. In the portentous outpouring of his rhetoric most of which is derived from Jean Jacques Rousseau, that prototype of our delinquent H. G. Wells, we cannot find a single grain of evidence for his vague aspirations. He is ignorant of history, most of all, of the history of his own country. War has always been Prussia's chief national industry; and Prussia, being inhabited by men hatched out of cannon-balls, has always made that fell business pay fat dividends. On this occasion she will be made bankrupt, and her discharge suspended sine die, if the Allied nations are not betrayed into premature peace negotiations which, among other fatal results, would destroy the fighting spirit of the Allied Armies. We have them pourvus que les civils tiennent: provided this nation of men of action and men of transaction does not allow itself to be corrupted by the microbes of Pacificism, the Ramsay MacDonalds and Snowdens and Wellises, and the rest. Herr Ferman must be added to the list of those who mislead public opinion in the Allied countries, for his fallacious invective will only serve to encourage the growth of the deadly delusion that there is a real divergence of opinion in regard to the war and its objects between the German Government and the German people. And, as we have said, the man is a traitor and the traitor, whose actions are a sin against the binding sanctions of human society, is apt in the end to prove a more dangerous enemy to the nation whose cause he adopts than to the country he deserts and defies. The author of "Because I am a German" is unworthy as a friend and a counsellor, because he is not a German—"Morning Post."

## INTIMATIONS

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

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IN CANTON.

OUR Patrons are desired to note that Mr. LI HON CHY, also known as NG SHEUNG, who has heretofore represented this House for the Foreign Department, is no longer in our employ and has no authority to act on our behalf in any capacity whatsoever. Our new partner, Mr. FUNG YIU HING, also known as PO HING, will represent this House hereafter.

The general management and staff, except the above change, remain the same as before, and all commands or enquiries will receive the same care and prompt attention as in the past.  
Canton, February 1, 1919.

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OF COMMERCE will be held on  
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By Order,  
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Hongkong, Feb. 22, 1918.

THE ASSOCIATION OF EXPORTERS  
—DEALERS OF HONGKONG.

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## THE CALENDAR.

### MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

12 noon—Hongkong & Shanghai Bank  
meeting at City Hall.  
8.15 p.m.—Dramatic entertainment at  
Theatre Royal by Mr. A. P. Stokes  
and members of the A.D.C.

### GENERAL MEMORANDA.

MONDAY, Feb. 25—  
Hongkong Jockey Club Races.  
9.15.—Harmesken's Circus opens at  
Causeway Bay.  
TUESDAY, Feb. 26—  
Second day of Races.  
WEDNESDAY, Feb. 27—  
Third day of Races.  
THURSDAY, Feb. 28—  
11.30 a.m.—Meeting of China Prov-  
ident Loan & Mortgage Co.  
FRIDAY, March 1—  
12.15 p.m.—Hongkong Hotel Co's  
half-yearly meeting of shareholders.  
TUESDAY, March 5—  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Teakwood and  
Blackwood Furniture &c. at Messrs.  
Hughes & Hough's.  
FRIDAY, March 8—  
11 a.m.—Extraordinary General Meet-  
ing of the Kwong Lok & Building  
Co., Ltd.  
FRIDAY, March 15—  
Good Friday.  
SUNDAY, March 31—  
Easter Sunday.

has accepted the Eastern Home  
Command, which may be a  
position of greater responsibility  
than it has been hitherto, if an  
attempt to invade England forms  
part of the German plans in the  
coming offensive. We are all very  
apt to think when a great leader in  
the war drops out that there must  
be total collapse: but we have only  
to recall the names of Lord  
Kitchener, Lord French, Admiral  
Jellicoe and others to enable us  
to view these changes in a different  
perspective. We can but hope that  
the decisions which have involved  
the latest change will be justified  
by events.

The official announcement that Ger-  
many has resumed military operations  
against Russia is something that  
the recent news from that unhappy  
country has led everyone to expect.  
What definite object the Germans  
have in view is not stated in the  
cables. It is evident that the  
occupation of Petrograd would not  
be likely to make the Russians any  
the more well disposed towards  
Germany, but, on the contrary, most  
certainly do more to unite the various  
factions in Russia than any other  
conceivable measure. The cables  
give us a picture of Russia to-day  
which is absolutely terrifying, and  
it is not easy to see what the  
solution of it all will be unless there  
is a speedy and general recognition  
of the mistakes which have been made  
in withdrawing from active co-opera-  
tion with the Allies who are waging  
war against the enemies of Civiliza-  
tion and Freedom.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The entries for the Hongkong  
Cricket Club tennis tournament close  
to-morrow.

The Bishop of Victoria will on  
Sunday next preach on board H.M.S.  
Tamar at 10 a.m. and at St. Andrew's  
Kowloon at 6 p.m.

Shareholders of the Hongkong and  
Shanghai Banking Corporation are  
reminded of the Bank's meeting which  
takes place to-morrow at noon, at the  
City Hall.

The New York Herald announces  
that Tom Lee, the Mayor of  
Chinatown, of New York, and one  
of the best known Chinese in  
America, died on January 10th in the  
rooms above his tiny store at No. 18  
Mott street. He died peacefully and  
of old age, both of which facts were  
opposed to his own predictions and the  
countless threats of Chinese Hatched  
men, highlanders and members of the  
Hip Sing Tong and the Four Brothers,  
two organizations in Chinatown which  
for years had reason to hate and fear  
him.

### DEATH OF MR. JOHN PATERSON.

We regret to record the death of  
Mr. John Paterson who succumbed,  
last night, to cerebro-spinal meningi-  
tis, in the Government Civil Hospital.  
Mr. Paterson came out to China  
in 1893 for Messrs. Jardine, Matheson  
and Company, and served that  
firm in Tientsin, Shanghai, Canton  
and Hongkong, remaining in the  
firm's employ until 1908 when he  
joined the late Mr. Bendyshe Layton  
in his bill and bullion broker's busi-  
ness, with which he remained con-  
nected until his death.

The deceased, who was only 44  
years of age, was an exceedingly  
popular member of the community.  
He was a Justice of the Peace, and,  
of course, a member of the Defence  
Corps. He was a keen dog fancier  
and had considerable knowledge of  
animals generally.  
Mr. Paterson had been suffering  
for some time from neuritis, but he  
was taken ill on Tuesday and ad-  
mitted to hospital in the evening in  
an unconscious condition, suffering  
from cerebro-spinal meningitis, which  
was the cause of his death.  
The funeral takes place this evening,  
and military honours will be  
accorded; the cortege starting from  
Observation Pier at 6.30.

### A FORTY YEARS TEST.

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## WAR BONDS DRAWING.

### PROTEST BY CHURCH LEADERS.

#### THE GOVERNOR'S REPLY.

The following letters have been  
sent to us for publication with the  
compliments of the Bishop of Vic-  
toria and the Rev. T. W. Pearce:—  
Hongkong, Feb. 8th, 1918.  
To His Excellency Sir Henry May,  
K.C.M.G., L.L.D.  
Sir,—We, the undersigned, beg  
very respectfully to express to your  
Excellency our regret that you are  
reported to have sanctioned the pro-  
posed drawing of War Bonds in con-  
nection with the forthcoming cele-  
bration of Sir George's Day and to  
have waived the drawing all possible  
success.

We are in entire sympathy with  
the object of raising funds for war  
purposes, but cannot escape the con-  
viction that whatever the financial  
success of the proposed drawing, it  
must result in a loss of moral author-  
ity and strength, and a diminished  
respect for law.

We especially regret that the pro-  
posal is put forward in a Colony  
where large numbers of persons of  
non-British race come within the  
sphere of British administration.  
High-minded citizens of the adjoin-  
ing Province of Kwangtung deplore  
and actively oppose the revival of  
licensed gambling there for purposes  
of revenue, and we believe that their  
efforts will be hindered now that the  
Hongkong Government apparently  
admits the plea of public require-  
ment as justification for an inter-  
mittent and uneven administration  
of its laws upon this subject.

We are of the opinion that the  
virtual suspension of the normal  
course of law in this matter, besides  
creating a false impression that our  
country must be in great financial  
necessity, involves a lowering of our  
National standards in the eyes of  
other races, which is to be deplored,  
and seems to us incongruous with our  
recent observance of a day of speci-  
al intercession for the blessing of God  
upon our arms and cause.

For these reasons we find ourselves  
under the unwelcome necessity of  
protesting against the projected  
scheme, but before doing so in any  
public manner we have thought it  
dutiful and courteous to lay our  
views before your Excellency.

We assure your Excellency of our  
heart-felt desire to support you in  
all the efforts you make, which we  
ask leave appreciatively to acknow-  
ledge, for the true well-being of the  
Colony and its good name and in-  
fluence in the Far East.

We are, Sir, your obedient servants,  
G. H. VICTORIA,  
THOMAS W. PEARCE, L.M.S.,  
on behalf of themselves and  
HENRY E. ANDERSON, British &  
Foreign Bible Society.

EVAN E. BRYANT, London Mis-  
sionary Society.  
W. T. FEATHERSTONE, Mission to  
Siam.

W. H. HEWITT, Warden of St.  
Stephen's College.  
WILLIAM E. HIPWELL, Church  
Missionary.

A. HUGHES, London Mission.  
ARTHUR D. STEWART, Principal  
of St. Paul's C.M.S. Col-  
lege.

J. KIM MACONACHIE, Minister  
of the Union Church.  
J. L. MACPHERSON, Secretary of  
the Y.M.C.A.

H. COPELEY MORTLE, Chaplain of  
St. John's Cathedral.  
J. L. ROBINSON, Minister of the  
Wesleyan Church.

T. W. SCHOLES, Wesleyan Mis-  
sion.  
C. B. SHANN, Church Missionary  
Society.

Copy.  
18th February, 1918.  
My Lord Bishop and Gentlemen,  
I have the honour to acknowledge  
the receipt of your letter of the 8th  
February with regard to the drawing  
of war bonds on the occasion of the  
forthcoming celebration of Sir  
George's Day and in reply to inform  
you that in this particular case and  
in other cases when the drawing of  
war bonds has not been interfered  
with, I am of opinion that the object  
justifies the means.

I have the honour to be,  
My Lord Bishop and Gentlemen,  
Your obedient servant,  
F. H. MAY,  
Governor.

The Right Rev.  
The Lord Bishop of Victoria  
and others.

### CHINESE POLITICS.

#### ACTING PREMIER WANTS TO RESIGN.

The acting Prime Minister of  
China, Wong Shi Chen, has asked  
to be relieved of the office owing to  
ill-health. The President, however,  
has not accepted his resignation, but  
has granted him leave of absence.  
Chin Nung Fang has been ap-  
pointed Acting Premier, after the post had  
been refused by Chang Hsi Ling  
and Jin Man Lin.  
A plot against the life of Tian Ki  
Sui (the substantive Premier) has  
been discovered in Peking.

## THE LICENSING BOARD.

### THE PEAK HOTEL LICENSE.

A meeting of the Licensing Board  
was held to-day at 12.30 p.m., in the  
Council Chamber.

The Hon. Mr. Claud Severn,  
C.M.G., presided and there were  
present the Hon. Mr. E. Shellim,  
Mr. T. F. Hough, Mr. E. D. C.  
Wolfe, Mr. A. Mackenzie and Mr.  
G. Woodcock (Secretary).

Mrs. F. K. E. Blair applied for a  
Hotel Keeper's Adjunct Licence for  
the Peak Hotel.

The applicant said she was apply-  
ing for a licence because she was  
taking over the management of the  
Peak Hotel and that Mr. Peuster,  
the present manager, had been in-  
formed that his services would no  
longer be required. She had been  
asked to take over the position of  
manageress by the proprietor of the  
Hotel from March 1.

On the suggestion of Mr. E. D. C.  
Wolfe, Mr. Blair was called into the  
meeting.

Mr. Wolfe asked whether it was  
not the usual procedure to ask for the  
transfer of the licence when a new  
manager is put in charge, and not  
for a new licence. In the present  
case a transfer had not been applied  
for, under Section 18 of the Ordi-  
nance. Could the applicant give any  
reason why application was made for  
a new licence instead of a transfer?

Mr. Blair: I believe the reason  
the application for a new licence has  
been made is because the present  
holder declines to sign the transfer,  
for the time being.

The President: He would sign it  
if a certain thing were done?

Mr. Blair: Yes, but that cannot  
be done until the end of this month.

Mr. E. J. Grist, who appeared on  
behalf of Mr. Peuster, the present  
holder of the licence, explained that  
under the ordinance two licences  
could not be granted for the same  
hotel. His client was at the present  
time the holder of the licence, which  
did not expire until next November.  
He held a licence for the Peak Hotel  
and he was responsible so long as  
he held that licence. His client  
claimed that there was a certain sum  
of money due to him from Mr. Find-  
lay Smith, and his client refused to  
appoint a nominee until that money  
was paid.

The President: I understand that  
cannot be done until the conclusion  
of the winding up of the accounts,  
at the end of this month.

Mr. Grist: Granting we can get  
an undertaking that this money will  
be paid—if somebody will guarantee  
that Mr. Findlay Smith will pay the  
amount—my client will nominate.  
There is a sum of money due to Mr.  
Peuster which has nothing whatever  
to do with the accounts and we can  
get no definite undertaking that the  
amount will be paid. I submit that  
there cannot be two licences granted  
for the same premises. The licence  
is given to the person in possession  
of the place and he is responsible for  
the proper management of the hotel  
and there cannot be two persons  
responsible.

The President: Why should we not  
grant a new licence conditionally?

Mr. Grist: There can be no objec-  
tion, so far as my client is concerned,  
to that.

The President: What would hap-  
pen in the case of the proprietor of  
licensed premises if he found the  
manager unsatisfactory? Say, for  
instance with the Hongkong Hotel,  
suppose it was found that the  
management was not satisfactory and  
the manager refused to appoint a  
nominee. Is the hotel to be closed  
because of that?

Mr. Grist: No, the Supreme Court  
could deal with the matter. The  
Court would not order the old ser-  
vant to nominate if he had not been  
properly dealt with and if his conduct  
was satisfactory.

Mr. Wolfe: Cannot the parties  
come to an amicable arrangement?

Mr. Grist: I do not think there  
will be any trouble as far as my  
client is concerned; but he has a  
claim and he has been put off from  
time to time and no definite under-  
taking has been made that his claim  
will be paid.

Mr. Blair: There will be no diffi-  
culty, but it must be obvious that a  
settlement of the accounts must be  
made before payment can be made.  
The accounts have to be audited by  
myself and they may not be in order  
for all I know.

The President then proposed that  
the meeting should be adjourned for  
a fortnight to enable one of two  
points to be gone into, that could not  
be discussed then.

Mr. Wolfe: I fail to see the object  
of having a meeting if we are not to  
discuss the points.

The Board then proceeded to dis-  
cuss the matter in camera.

## THE MAGISTRACY.

### OFFENCE AGAINST THE DAN- GEROUS GOODS ORDINANCE.

A Chinese shopkeeper at Hollowood  
Road pleaded guilty when charged  
before Mr. Dyer Ball this morning,  
with storing petroleum in excess of the  
quantity allowed by his licence.

Inspector Terrett said the defendant  
also had 53 tins of the oil not stored in  
the well, besides having 12 gallons in  
excess of the quantity allowed by the  
licence. The tins, he added, were left  
amongst a lot of soap boxes in the shop  
and might have easily caught fire.

Mr. Dyer Ball fined the defendant  
\$25 and ordered the tins of petroleum  
to be confiscated.

### DISORDERLY SAILORS.

Six Filipino sailors of the s.s. Ben  
Yick were charged before Mr. Dyer Ball  
this morning, with assaulting the Police  
while in the execution of their duty  
and also with unlawfully possessing  
weapons.

Inspector Brail said that four factory  
girls employed by the Tai Hing knitting  
factory at Hunghom were returning  
to the factory at 7 p.m. on Wednesday  
when the defendants accosted them.  
Defendants went up to the girls, pat-  
ted them on the arm and stroked their  
hair and generally made themselves  
obnoxious. The girls were frightened  
and ran away, calling for help. A crowd  
collected, and two Chinese detectives  
who arrived on the scene attempted to  
arrest the defendants. They ran away  
followed by the detectives. Two of  
them were arrested, but the rest escaped.  
One of the men arrested drew on iron  
bar from his pocket and struck a  
detective, on the head. The other  
defendant when searched had a small  
sheath dagger in his possession.

Witness went to the ship which  
was lying in the Kowloon Docks under-  
going repairs and asked the Captain to  
produce the men who had just come  
aboard. Three defendants were pro-  
duced and were taken into custody.

The last defendant, who was hiding  
behind a house in Bulkeley Street, was also  
arrested. These men were also searched  
and were found to possess carbamides (lead  
slings, a weapon similar to the American  
sawdust). But for the prompt arrival  
of the Police, Inspector Brail added,  
there might have been serious trouble,  
as the Chinese people were very particu-  
lar as to how their women-folk were  
handled.

The girls gave evidence of the  
defendants' misbehaviour. They called  
out for help, the Police arrived and  
took the defendants into custody.

After further evidence His Worship,  
sentenced the first defendant to three  
weeks' hard labour, the second defend-  
ant to ten days' and the remainder  
were fined \$10 each with the alternative  
of seven days' gaol.

### BATTERED HIS FACE FOR TEN CENTS.

As the result of a fight over the  
repayment of ten cents lent, a Chinese  
charged his friend before Mr. Wood  
this morning, with assault.

It appeared that the defendant, who  
owed the complainant ten cents,  
promised to repay the money at 9  
o'clock last night. The complainant  
instead of coming for the money at the  
appointed hour came at 8 p.m. They  
had an argument and soon words were  
followed by blows. A fight was started  
in which the complainant alleged the  
defendant struck him first, battering his  
face with a brick.

This statement was confirmed by an  
Indian sergeant who took both men  
into custody.

After further evidence Mr. J. R.  
Wood fined the defendant \$5 and the  
complainant \$3.

(Continued on Page 5.)

### WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY.

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planned to celebrate Washington's birth-  
day by a dinner at the Hongkong Hotel  
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by Mr. F. N. Doubleday, the well-  
known American publisher and member  
of the firm of Doubleday, Page and  
Company, of which the American  
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The dinner has been postponed by  
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## HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

### Administrative Orders by Major H. A. Morgan, Administrative Commandant.

THE GOVERNMENT.  
No. 940 Pte. J. Kennedy Gibson was  
enrolled on 19.2.18 and posted to "D"  
Company.

No. 950 Pte. W. Morley was enrolled  
on 19.2.18 and posted to "D" Com-  
pany.

The Administrative Commandant re-  
cords, with deep regret, the death of  
Private J. Paterson, "B" Company, No.  
5 Platoon, on 21st February, 1918.

LEAVE.  
Sergeant F. V. Mitchellmore, Signall-<



## TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

## THE WESTERN FRONT.

## VIOLENT ARTILLERY ON FRENCH FRONT.

LONDON, Feb. 19. A French communiqué states:—There was violent artillery activity during the night in the region to the south of the forest of St. Gobain, on the sector at Chavignac and to the north-east of Bezonvaux.

LATER. A French communiqué states:—There was violent artillery activity in the region of Verdun. We repulsed a German attack on the positions we captured on February 18, at Butte-du-Mesnil, taking some prisoners.

## RAIDING OPERATIONS ON BRITISH FRONT.

LONDON, Feb. 18. Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—We drove off raiders in the neighbourhood of Gubelle.

The Portuguese troops took a few prisoners in the neighbourhood of Neuve Chapelle.

The enemy suffered casualties in patrol encounters, on the Messines sector.

## NAVAL AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY.

LONDON, Feb. 18. The Admiralty announces that naval aircraft dropped many bombs on Uckermark aerodrome, at noon, on Sunday. The enemy machine was driven down. All our machines returned.

## SEVERE FIGHTING IN THE AIR.

LONDON, Feb. 19. Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, reporting on aviation, states:—Our aeroplanes, on Sunday, dropped six tons of bombs on various targets, including aerodromes at Tournai and Lille and a dump near Courtrai.

There was severe fighting in the air. We brought down ten and drove down six enemy machines. Three of ours are missing.

Further raids were carried out last night on aerodromes at Ghent and Tournai and railway stations and sidings at Conflans, where a ton of bombs was dropped. Bursts were observed and a large fire was started.

Our air squadrons, to-day, carried out a daylight raid, with excellent results, on barracks and a railway station at Treves and steel works and a railway station at Thionville. Two large fires were started at Treves and direct hits were obtained on the railway at Thionville. All our machines returned.

## IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

LONDON, Feb. 18. In the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar Law announced that the holding of an Imperial War Cabinet in 1918 would afford an opportunity to hold an Imperial Conference.

## THE BOLO AFFAIR.

## ANOTHER ARREST.

PARIS, Feb. 18. Senator Humbert, who was mentioned in connection with the Bolo case, has been arrested.

## THE WORLD-WIDE DEMAND FOR SILVER.

LONDON, Feb. 22. In the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar Law, replying to Mr. Billing, said there had been an abnormal and almost world-wide demand for silver for currency purposes, owing to war conditions. A stock of five-billing currency notes has been printed as a precaution lest the silver offering should be insufficient to meet future demands.

## THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, Feb. 19. There is rather more enquiry on the silver market.

## UNSPEAKABLE CHAOS IN RUSSIA.

## INCREASING CHAOS.

LONDON, Feb. 19. The latest telegrams from Russia point to increasing chaos and widespread disturbances in the South. The only definite fact is that the Germans crossed the Dvina because there was nothing to prevent them. Germany's move has roused even the idealists of Petrograd. Gorky's paper, *New Life*, which hitherto has been pacifist, says the German Government having quelled disaffection will attempt to smash the Russian Revolution. It points out the necessity to withstand an Austro-German attack by organizing an army for which plenty of material exists.

## THE POLES AND THE UKRAINIAN PEACE.

## A PROTEST BY THE REGENCY COUNCIL.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 19. According to the *Lokal Anzeiger*, the Polish Regency Council has issued a manifesto, addressed to the nation, pointing out that the Central Powers guaranteed the independence of Poland; yet they would not admit the Polish representatives at the Brest-Litovsk Conference and that they have bought peace with Ukraine with a Polish province.

The Council protests at the new division of Poland and only remains in office in order to preserve Polish schools, the organisation of justice and to transmit to posterity its conception of the integrity of the Fatherland.

## A BRITISH INTIMATION TO RUSSIA.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 18. The British Chargé d'Affaires has intimated that Great Britain does not recognise the independence of Ukraine or other territory hitherto belonging to the Russian Empire.

## VIOLENT ENCOUNTERS NEAR ROSTOFF.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 9. General Alexieff's operations are developing in the region of Toganog. Violent encounters occurred near Rostoff, while near Vorow the Bolsheviks are surrounded.

## FORCES OPPOSING THE BOLSHEVIKS.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 10. Two outstanding forces are now arrayed against the Bolsheviks, namely, General Alexieff's Army and the Church.

The followers of General Alexieff and General Korniloff are apparently increasing.

It is stated that the Bolsheviks are sending an army of 100,000, under General Krylenko, against General Alexieff.

Apart from the above messages, nothing is known in London of the movements of General Alexieff and General Korniloff.

## FIERCE FIGHTING AT ODESSA.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 14. For two days there has been fierce fighting between the Ukrainian Cossacks and the Soviets in the streets of Odessa.

The Bolsheviks claim that the Soviets are victorious.

## A SOCIALIST "RED NAVY."

LONDON, Feb. 19. A special message from Petrograd dated the 14th inst. states that a Decree authorises the organisation of a Socialist Red Navy, replacing the old Navy.

## REPORTED SUICIDE OF GENERAL KALEDIN.

LONDON, Feb. 14. It is reported from Petrograd that General Kaledin has committed suicide.

## ARMED ROBBERY ON ITALIAN AMBASSADOR.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 14. Three armed desperadoes stopped the Italian Ambassador's automobile, and relieved the Ambassador of his fur coat, pocket-book and other valuables.

## ONLY CIVIL MARRIAGES RECOGNISED.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 14. A Decree recognises only civil marriages, and orders the same rights on illegitimate and legitimate children.

## THE REPUDIATION OF STATE LOANS.

## ALLIED AND NEUTRAL PROTEST.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 19.

The Representatives of nineteen Allied and Neutral States presented to the Bolsheviks a Note refusing to recognise the Decrees which repudiated the Russian State Loans and confiscated property in so far as foreign subjects are affected.

The Note gave warning that the Powers interested would at a later date insist upon satisfaction and compensation for all losses sustained owing to these Decrees.

The Government newspaper *Izvestia* is indignant at the Allied and Neutral protest against the annulment of the loans and says the belligerent capitalists are united against the vicious march of Communism across Europe.

## THE POSITION OF RUMANIA.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 11.

A Berlin telegram states that negotiations with Rumania have not yet begun. Probably Baron Kuehlmann (the Foreign Secretary) will go to Focsane on the 22nd inst. to negotiate.

## A GERMAN REPORT DENIED.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 12.

The Bolsheviks deny the German report, published on the 5th inst., that the Poles have captured Mobekeff and arrested Generalissimo Krylenko. Furthermore they declare that the towns of Kharkoff and Poltava have not adhered to the Ukrainian Rada.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

## THE WESTERN FRONT.

## GERMANS ATTACK FRENCH POSITIONS.

LONDON, Feb. 19.

A French communiqué states:—In Champagne the Germans newly attacked in the afternoon our positions south-west of Butte-du-Mesnil. Our first position was reached by the Germans. A morning attack in the same region was made by three German battalions. The enemy everywhere was expelled after suffering heavy losses.

Our aviation activity continued. We dropped thirteen tons of explosives in the Metz region, causing several fires and explosions.

## THE COMING OFFENSIVE IN THE WEST.

## HINDENBURG'S BOAST.

LONDON, Feb. 19.

Reuters Correspondent at British Headquarters says the political and domestic situation in Germany is now creating internal excitement and anxiety and causing pressure upon the militarists, who have been forced to endeavour to pacify the people.

The following instance is typical of the present situation:—Field-Marshal von Hindenburg, recently interviewed by a number of newspaper editors, said in reply to a statement that there would not be any food in Germany next May, "I shall be in Paris by the 1st of April."

There is no longer any doubt that the enemy will attempt to break through. It may now come at any moment and while the French will doubtless have to withstand the shock of heavy numbers, a grand attack will be launched against the British somewhere between Arras and St. Quentin (second portion).

Another interesting fact has been revealed, namely, whereas the new method of enemy attack has the confidence of the German officers, the mass regard it with dismay, declaring that it is a frightful cost. Anyway, it is manifest that in the forthcoming gamble the German High Command intends to be absolutely reckless as regards wastage.

## 30,000 TURKS AND BULGARIANS ARRIVE IN BELGIUM.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 19.

The *Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant* states that according to frontier reports 30,000 Turks and Bulgarians have arrived at Verriers in Belgium.

## THE AIR RAIDS.

## THREE SUCCESSIVE ATTEMPTS ON LONDON.

LONDON, Feb. 19.

German air-fleets have made three successive raids on London since Saturday, but all were ward off, except a few aeroplanes which succeeded in penetrating the terrible barrage, and the raiders had the warmest reception. Last night's raiders were heavily engaged by our guns and patrolling aeroplanes.

## THE GENERAL STAFF CHANGES.

## THE TENSION RELIEVED.

LONDON, Feb. 19.

Mr. Lloyd George's statement on the General Staff changes will be made after question time to-day. Mr. Asquith is expected to follow.

Apparently, the House does not wish to vote against the Government and the tension on personal issues has been considerably relieved by General Sir William Robertson's acceptance of the Eastern Command.

## IMPORTANT DEBATE INEVITABLE.

The *Daily Telegraph* Parliamentary Correspondent says: General Wilson's succession to General Robertson is an event of serious import and in the present state of feeling may lead to further complications. The probable action of the Government is rather uncertain owing to the Prime Minister's indisposition. Either to-day or to-morrow he will endeavour to attend the House and make a statement. An important debate is inevitable.

## NO SERIOUS ISSUE ANTICIPATED.

Mr. Bonar Law stated that if the opportunity for a vote was desired the Government would be willing to meet the wishes of the House.

This is interpreted as meaning that the Government was ready to meet a vote of censure, but in view of Sir William Robertson's acceptance of the Eastern Command, the prevailing opinion in the Lobby is that no serious issue will arise after the Premier's explanation to-morrow.

## CLOSER CO-OPERATION AN ADMITTED NECESSITY.

The *Daily News* Lobbyist Correspondent says that the rumours that Lord Derby has resigned are officially denied. The *Daily Chronicle* says since the war began the need for closer Allied co-operation has been an admitted necessity. Mr. Lloyd George has always advocated it and was once inclined to place the Western Armies under a Generalissimo and had an Allied military genius arisen would have done so. In the absence of such genius the next best plan was an Allied Council with secured unity on the political side and as far as possible on the military side. It is understood that the chief advocate of a united command was President Wilson. This policy, which General Robertson does not accept, was accepted by the military representatives of all other Allied Powers and was supported by General Smuts.

## THE RUSSIAN SITUATION.

## UNSPEAKABLE CHAOS.

LONDON, Feb. 21.

The huge batches of messages held up for over a week from Petrograd continue to arrive. They reflect unspeakable chaos, owing to the unbridled licence of hordes of Red Guards, besides wholesale robbery and confiscations everywhere, but especially in Western Russia. In some cases one village is fighting another over the division of the spoils of landowners' houses.

A Decree empowers the Soviets to confiscate any person's savings which have been acquired without working. Owners of more than three horses or three oxen, or four sheep, or two pigs have been heavily taxed, and the Soviets and Peasants Land Committees get 25 per cent. of the proceeds.

The Bolsheviks have outlawed the "Baronial Courts" of Esthonia for requesting German intervention. A decree has been issued disarming all the bourgeoisie and arming all peasants in Western Russia. A Perfect Saturnalia of murder, outrage, and robbery continues in Petrograd. As a result of the simplification of divorce proceedings there have been 38,000 applications for divorce since the Revolution.

The *Prazda*, in welcoming the separation of the Church and State, remarks that religion merely constrains people to endure exploitation in belief of Heavenly reward, hence religion will disappear when the people have developed.

The Jewish newspaper *Togel* which has been confiscated for printing advertisements, is now run as a Yiddish Internationalist Bolshevik paper.

The Cossack regiments are leaving Petrograd for Don, "to aid the workers against General Kaledin."

The Bolsheviks deny that General Alexieff has captured Voronezh.

## GRAVE POSSIBILITIES OF THE FUTURE.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 19. All circles are speculating on the very grave possibilities of the future owing to the resumption of hostilities with Germany.

The Bolshevik newspapers rely upon the belligerent proletarians interfering with a view to saving the Russian masses while the Petrograd Soviet has passed a resolution approving the declaration of Brest-Litovsk and inviting the workers of Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey to oppose their Imperialistic Governments.

A minority amendment urged the organisation of the proletariat for the forthcoming struggle.

## RUSSIANS EVACUATE HUNGARY.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 18.

The Russians have completely evacuated Hungary.

## BOLSHEVIKS DESTROY COIN STOCKS.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 18.

The Bolsheviks are destroying the coin stocks of Ukraine.

## BOLSHEVIKS ADOPT GREGORIAN CALENDAR.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 18. The Bolshevik Government has adopted the Gregorian calendar from the 14th inst.

## PATRIARCHAL TREASURES STOLEN.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 18. Treasures valued at £2,000,000 have been stolen from the Patriarchal Treasury at Moscow, including the gold church plate, which is encrusted with gems, and bejewelled tiles.

## EMPIRE WHEAT GROWING.

## DOMINIONS APPRECIATE THE QUESTION.

LONDON, Feb. 18.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Warwick Brooke, Unionist Member for Mile End, asked what steps the Hon. Walter Long, Secretary of State for the Colonies, was taking to promote wheat-growing within the Empire.

Mr. W. A. S. Hewins, the Under Secretary, replied that the Dominion Governments were fully alive to all aspects of the question.

## THE STORM IN SOUTH AFRICA.

## ENORMOUS DAMAGE.

DURBAN, Feb. 18.

The Johannesburg Railway Department has been notified that 300 people have been drowned at Umfolosi, including the refugees on the roof of a mill.

Communication between Durban and Umfolosi is difficult, the north coast line being washed away, and in several places the telegraph and telephone lines are down.

The Magistrate at Empangeni says a number of Europeans have gone to Umfolosi.

There is anxiety in Durban where there are a number of relatives of those working at Umfolosi.

The damage everywhere along the coast is enormous. There were sixteen inches of rain in twenty-four hours at Umkomas and ten inches in eight hours at Pinetown.

## THE MAGISTRACY.

(Continued from Page 4.)

## MOTOR-CYCLIST IN TROUBLE.

## FAILED TO SOUND HIS HORN WHEN TURNING A CORNER.

Mr. A. B. Purves, assistant engineer of the Public Works Department was summoned before Mr. A. Dyer Ball for failing to reduce speed and also with failing to sound his horn when turning the corner of Garden Road and Lower Albert Road on the 19th instant.

Mr. E. E. Bellies appeared on behalf of the defendant, who pleaded not guilty. Dr. J. H. Saunders, J.P., said he was walking along Garden Road near the Lower Albert Road when he saw the defendant on a motor-cycle coming round the corner very rapidly. He did not bear any horn sounded and it struck him that if anyone happened to be near there would have been an accident. Very soon after, he heard a whistle and saw the defendant pulling up his cycle and immediately after saw Sgt. Peet go up to him and take down notes in his book. Witness went down to them and told Sgt. Peet that he would be glad to give evidence if required as he considered the speed the cycle came round the corner was very dangerous.

Cross-examined by Mr. Bellies, witness declined to venture a definite opinion on the speed of the motor-cycle, but when pressed by the Magistrate said he estimated the speed to be well over 20 miles an hour.

Sgt. Peet said that on the 19th instant he was on duty at the junction of Garden Road and Lower Albert Road. As the defendant was coming round the corner very fast, he put up his hand to stop to him. Apparently defendant did not see him, for he continued his course down hill. Witness blew his whistle and when the defendant stopped, witness went up to him and asked him why he did not sound his horn. Defendant replied that he did not consider it necessary as his engine made sufficient noise, and, besides, he was not going fast. Witness said the defendant's cycle stopped at the entrance leading to the Cathedral and the estimated speed to be 15 to 20 miles per hour.

Mr. Purves said that he had been riding a motor-cycle since July last and had never had an accident. On the day in question he got on his cycle from the office of the Public Works Department. After the engine had started he cut off and coasted down the hill. He did not sound his horn as he did not think it was necessary. He was going at the rate of 8 miles per hour and could have stopped instantaneously.

Inspector Garrod said that in this case there was a "dead slow" sign at the junction of these two streets.

Mr. Bellies suggested that a certain amount of allowance should be given for a man to exercise his discretion. Mr. Dyer Ball convicted the defendant on the charge of failing to sound his horn, and fined him \$10.

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Hongkong, Feb. 18, 1918.

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GOVERNMENT REPLIES TO QUESTIONS.

Following are the questions asked at the Legislative Council meeting yesterday by the Hon. Mr. Holyoak, and the replies returned by the Government:

- Will the Government state what was the strength of the Fire Brigade in pre-war days?
- What is the present strength of the regular Fire Brigade?
- How many of them are employed on police patrol and other duties?
- In what part of the Colony are they stationed and at what hours are they engaged upon these duties, especially during the night?
- How many regular fire-men now reside in No. 5 Police Station (Central Fire Station) and the Central Police Station?
- Does the Government consider the "Volunteer" Brigade necessary and of practical value?
- If so, will the Government arrange for the exemption of all "Volunteer" fire-brigade men—whether in "Defence Corps" or "Police Reserve," from all Military or Police duties, except the annual musketry course?
- In the event of a fire in an outlying district, such as Shau-ki-wan, what steps are taken to protect the central districts in case of further call?
- Is it not a fact that the Brigade is seriously understaffed and hopelessly handicapped through lack of efficient gear to deal successfully with a fire in such a building as the Hongkong Hotel or one of the European office buildings in Chater Road or other high buildings?
- What is the utmost extension of the existing ladder escapes and to what height will they reach when fully extended?
- Is it not a fact that in the fire in Watson's godown and laboratory the escapes were quite inadequate to reach the top story?
- Is it not a fact that the Central Fire Station still relies on the prehistoric custom of giving an alarm by a handbell, instead of by electric alarm as is installed in other large towns? If the latter were installed would it not lead to a quicker turnout?

The Government reply in answer to questions 1 and 2, furnishes a list showing that there were 48 members of the European Staff in 1914 and 48 now, while the Chinese staff, is the same, 51.

Replies to the other questions were:—  
3.—Regular Staff only. Of the Europeans, all except the Assistant Engineer and Station Officer are employed in police or other duties. The Chinese are employed in Fire Brigade duties only.

4.—See Schedule attached. (The Schedule set forth the duties of each member of the Staff).  
5.—8 Europeans and 28 Chinese at No. 5 and 18 Europeans at Central Police Station.

6.—Yes.  
7.—The Defence Corps members, who are active members, i.e., those that turn out at first call, have been exempted from guards, drills, after night fires, and a proportion of camp duty. The members of the Police Reserve who are also fire brigade volunteers are not on the active list and have not asked to be excused Police duties.

8.—Hand drawn appliances are ready at the stations for the use of the men who are left in Central and elsewhere. Those firemen (except Engine Drivers) who are on actual Police duty are reserved for a second call; also those members of the volunteer Fire Brigade who do not turn out at a first call.

9.—The Brigade cannot be considered as seriously under-staffed and hopelessly handicapped through lack of sufficient gear. It has dealt with two fires at the Hongkong Hotel building with some success. The equipment, in addition to the

hydrants which have an initial pressure of about 100 lbs. to the square inch, is capable of discharging 5,500 gallons of water a minute on to a fire in one of the large buildings referred to. A fire in a large high building would not be fought from the ground alone. The hoses would be taken into the interior of the building, and on to the roofs or verandahs of the building or of adjoining buildings and up the extension ladders.

The inside of the building affords the best line of attack. Hence it is very desirable that large high buildings should be provided with fire hydrants and the necessary gear on each floor, with fire staircases to the upper floors.

The necessity of giving an immediate call to the Fire Brigade is of supreme importance.  
10.—No. 1 Motor ladder 55' 6", No. 2 Motor ladder 35' 6". They will reach about 50' and 32' respectively.

11.—None of the escapes could reach to the top floor. Under the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, Section 149, any building with a floor over 40 feet from the ground must be provided with an efficient fire escape.

12.—A hand bell is used. It is heard well over a building of several floors and rooms and is efficient. If electric alarms were installed it is doubtful if there would be any actual saving in time of turn out as the hand bell is heard immediately over the whole building.

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Going into a tea shop at Liverpool in the afternoon, a corporation official named Clark ordered tea, bread and butter, stewed prunes, and confectionery, and was supplied with 54 ounces of the latter. When the company were summoned for supplying more than 14 ounces of breadstuffs at a meal, it was said in defence that a dish of cakes was brought so that the customer could make a selection. Mr. Clark was not entitled to take more than one, and it was his duty, just as much as it was the caterer's to observe the regulation. The magistrate in dismissing the summons, suggested that a notice should be placed on the dish of cakes intimating that a customer must not take more than one piece.

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